

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: METHOD FOR THE PURIFICATION OF BLOOD BY MEANS OF  
HEMODIALYSIS AND/OR HEMOFILTRATION AND APPARATUS  
FOR PERFORMING SAID METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3-5 and 10-13 as follows:

3. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, characterized in  
that the infusion rate ( $Q_{spre}$ ) of the substitution solution  
supplied upstream of the hemodialyser and/or the hemofilter (20) is  
preferably increased relative to the infusion rate ( $Q_{spost}$ )  
supplied downstream of the hemodialyser and/or the hemofilter with  
increasing trans-membrane (TMP) and/or increasing blood density  
and/or increasing hematocrit value (HKT) of the blood.

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